

CHRISTMAS EVE 2024



OUR MISSION

To bring by the power of the Holy Spirit as many people as possible to know, love, and serve God as revealed through Jesus Christ; and to be transformed into spiritually renewed disciples of Jesus who know, love and serve one another and the world.



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WELCOME TO ST. MARTIN'S

IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST,
WELCOME.

Jesus' first words to His earliest disciples were very simple, "Come, follow Me ..." (Matthew 4:19) It was a gentle invitation to take seriously the wonderful journey of faith found in Christ. For more than 2,000 years, people of all ages have responded to that invitation through a personal decision to follow Jesus Christ in a community of prayer, study and service. St. Martin's is just such a place.

St. Martin's is a member Church in the Diocese of Texas, The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the greater worldwide Anglican Communion consisting of more than 77 million people. Our Parish Church considers it a tremendous honor to be a place where men, women, youth and children can grow in their personal relationship with our Lord, come to know and use their own spiritual gifts, and discover a personal ministry to be expressed both in the Church, the greater Houston area and beyond.

We want to invite you to participate in our worship services and as many of our activities and ministries as your own commitments and time will allow.

Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, we thank You that You have called us as members of Your family into this beautiful house of God. Grant that here we may feel Your presence and the beauty of Your peace, and that, as we return to our homes and work, we may sense Your guiding hand and loving care and be used in the service of our neighbors, our nation and the world, and all You send our way, through Him Who came not to condemn the world but to save it, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

- *St. Martin's is a gun-free Campus.*
 - *To use a hearing assisted device, see one of our ushers.*
 - *St. Martin's asks that anyone coming into a worship service not bring oversized or large backpacks.*
 - *Please silence all cell phones when entering The Church and also refrain from texting.*
- Thank you for being respectful of God and others as we spend time together in worship.*



** indicates when latecomers may be seated so as not to disturb other worshippers.*

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

FESTIVE CHRISTMAS MUSIC

BRASS VOLUNTARY ...“Lo How a Rose e’er Blooming” Johannes Brahms

The Celebrant greets the People. Following the greeting, all stand.

HYMN 83 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
 born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;
 Word of the Father,
 now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

Words: John Francis Wade (1711–1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802–1880) and others; Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711–1786); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

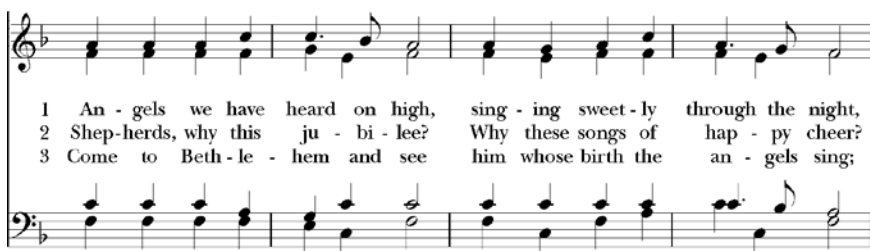
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN AT THE GLORIA



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain



Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -



- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813–1882), alt.; Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887–1958);
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect (kneel)

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness –
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace

for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

HYMN 79 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn, the second system covers the next two lines, the third system covers the next two lines, and the fourth system covers the final two lines. The piano accompaniment is a simple harmonic accompaniment, primarily using chords and moving bass lines.

O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835–1893); Music: *St. Louis*, Lewis H. Redner (1831–1908).

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining lectionary for the day is on pages 28-29.

HYMN 79 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day. We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell; O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!"

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Please be seated.

THE SERMON “Thy Kingdom Come”

The Rev. Martin J. Bastian

SOLO “O Holy Night”Adolphe Adam
Annamarie Zmolek, soloist

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Savior's birth; long lay the world in sin and error pining, till he appeared, and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn. Fall on your knees! Oh hear the angel voices! O night divine! O night when Christ was born. Truly he taught us to love one another; his law is love and his Gospel is peace. Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother, and in his Name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, let all within us praise is holy Name. Christ is the Lord, then ever, ever praise we, his power and glory ever more proclaim.

Words: Cappeau de Roquemaure, edited by Carl Deis. Music: Adolphe Adam.

THE NICENE CREED (*stand*)

Celebrant and People

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,**

and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(kneel)*

Minister and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly
serve thee;
That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for the nomination of the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury;
Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector and Brian, our
bishops; the Clergy of this Parish; for our Search Committee and
the fifth Rector; in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the
Episcopal Church; for all bishops, priests and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joe, our President, Donald, our President-elect, Greg,
our Governor, John, our Mayor, and the Congress and the Courts;
and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the World;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in thy sight.

We pray for those for whom our prayers have been requested; for those who are hospitalized; and for those on our continuing prayer list; have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for those who have died; give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We give thee thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Christmas flowers; and we praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

In this moment of silence, let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

A period of silence, during which people may add their own petitions quietly in the privacy of their hearts.

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thine only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Minister says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A moment of silence is observed.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *(stand)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Please be seated.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Please see page 29 for Christmas flower dedications.

Please see page 39 for upcoming events.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “Festival First Nowell”

Dan Forrest

The first Nowell the angels did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter’s night that was so deep: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel. They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel. Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord that hath made heav’n and earth of nought, and with His blood mankind hath bought: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Text: *The First Nowell*, English carol, 17th cent; Music Arrangement Copyright: 2014 by GIA Publications, Inc.

AT THE PRESENTATION *(stand)*

DOXOLOGY *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise him all crea - tures here be -
low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a -
bove ye heaven - ly host. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.
Refrain
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711); Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623; adapt. Ralph Vaughan William (1872-1958).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880–1968); Copyright: By permission of Oxford University Press.

The Celebrant continues (kneel)

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Cantor sings

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.

Congregation sings

**No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.**

The Celebrant says the Invitation.

All Christians who have been baptized with water and in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and are permitted to receive Holy Communion in their own church are welcome to do so on this occasion. If you do not wish to receive one or both Elements, cross your arms over your chest and the Clergy will give you a blessing. Please tell the Clergy administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.

ANTHEM "What is This Lovely Fragrance" Joseph Flummerfelt

Shepherds what is this lovely fragrance filling the air this wondrous night? Gentler than all the flow'rs of springtime wafting from heav'n in sweet delight. Shepherds what is this lovely fragrance filling the air this wondrous night? What is this light so clear, so brilliant, filling the sky before our eyes? Brighter than day a star is shining, ne'er have we seen such radiant skies! What is this light so clear, so brilliant, filling the sky before our eyes? In Bethlehem in lowly manger lies our Redeemer, Lord, and King. Come let us hasten to adore Him, and there to Him our praises sing! In Bethlehem in lowly manger lies our Redeemer, Lord, and King.

Words: Poem translated from the French by Glen Parker. Music: Old French Carol, arranged for SATB and Organ by Joseph Flummerfelt.
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HYMN 93 "Angels From the Realms of Glory"

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

Refrain

now pro-claim Mes-si-ah's birth:
 yon-der shines the in-fant Light:
 ye have seen his na-tal star: come and wor-ship,
 in his tem-ple shall ap-pear:

Words: James Montgomery (1771–1854), alt.; Music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813–1879).

HYMN 105 “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

1 God rest you mer-ry, gen-tle-men, let noth-ing you dis-may;
 2 From God our heaven-ly Fa-ther a bless-ed an-gel came
 3 “Fear not, then,” said the an-gel, “Let noth-ing you af-fright;
 4 Now to the Lord sing prais-es, all you with-in this place,

re-mem-ber Christ our Sa-vior was born on Christ-mas Day,
 and un-to cer-tain shep-herds brought tid-ings of the same:
 this day is born a Sa-vior of a pure vir-gin bright,
 and with true love and char-i-ty each o-ther now em-brace;

to save us all from Sa-tan's power when we were gone a-stray.
 how that in Beth-le-hem was born the Son of God by name.
 to free all those who trust in him from Sa-tan's power and might.
 this ho-ly tide of Christ-mas doth bring re-deem-ing grace.

Refrain

O tid-ings of com-fort and joy, com-fort and
 joy; O tid-ings of com-fort and joy!

Words: *London Carol*; Music: *God Rest You Merry*, Melody, *Little Book of Christmas Carols*, ca. 1850.

HYMN 89 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that
 2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the
 4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by



glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing
 peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly
 world has suf - fered long; be - neath the heaven - ly
 pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -



near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;
 hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;
 cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they
 and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its

heaven's all - gra - cious King." The world in sol - emn
 bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o'er its
 tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and
 an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give

still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!
 back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Words: E.H. Sears; Music: *Carol*, R.S. Willis.

HYMN 87 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”



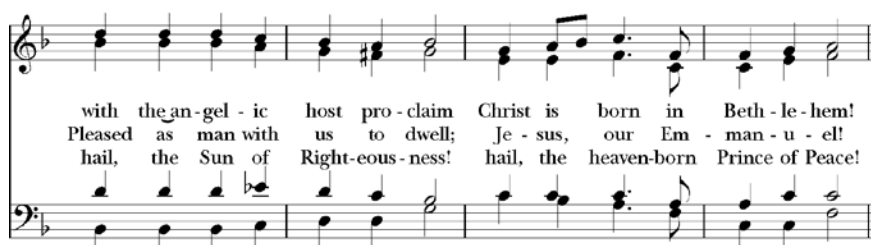
1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal-ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,



with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788), alt.; Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831–1915).

HYMN 99 “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Refrain

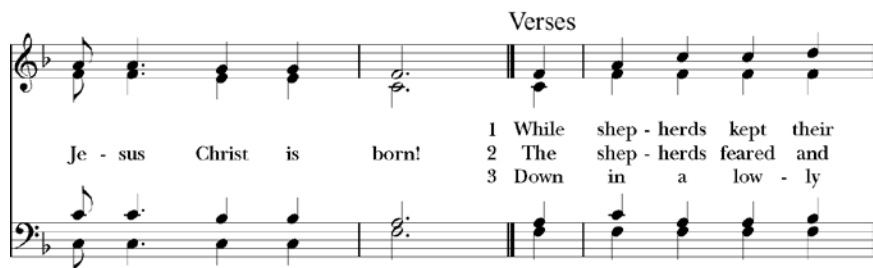


Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and



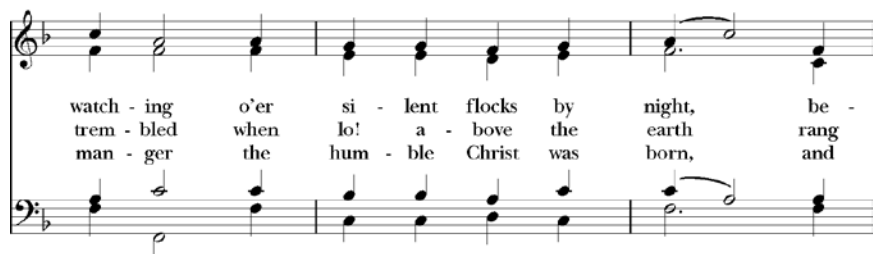
ev - ery - where; go tell it on the moun - tain, that

Verses



Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep - herds kept their
2 The shep - herds feared and
3 Down in a low - ly



watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -
trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth rang
man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and

Repeat Refrain



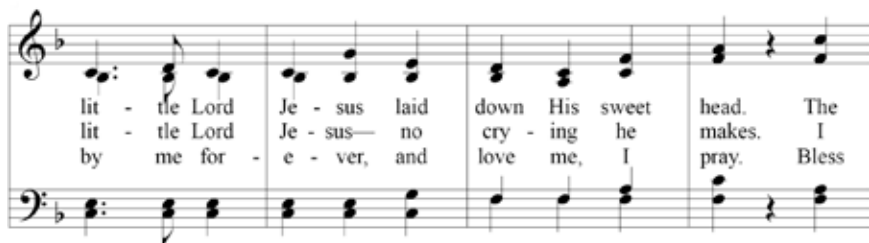
hold, through-out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.
out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.
God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Words: African-American spiritual 19th cent.; adapt. John W. Work (b. 1901); Music: *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, Afro-American spiritual, 19th cent.; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935); Copyright: Music: Arrangement © 1984, Horace Clarence Boyer.

HYMN “Away in a Manger”



1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed, The
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing; the Ba - by a - wakes, But
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay Close



lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head. The
 lit - tle Lord Je - sus— no cry - ing he makes. I
 by me for - e - ver, and love me, I pray. Bless



stars in the sky— looked down where He lay; The
 love Thee, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky, And
 all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care, And



lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
 stay by my side un - til mor - ning is nigh.
 fit us for hea - ven, to live with Thee there.

Text: Anon. (v. 1-2 Kirkpatrick, 1885; vs. 3 Charles H. Gabriel, 1892); Music: *Mueller*; arr. John Weaver.

After Communion, the Celebrant says (kneel)

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Please remain kneeling.

HYMN 111 “Silent Night”

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
 heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792–1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820–1885); Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787–1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824–1910).

THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

All stand.

HYMN 100 "Joy to the World"



1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Words: Isaac Watts; Music: *Antioch*, G.F. Händel.

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

BRASS VOLUNTARY

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

arr. Rich Mays

ST. MARTIN’S BRASS

Mark Hughes and Rich Harris, trumpets

William VerMeulen, horn

Ryan Rongone, trombone

David Kirk, tuba

Matthew Strauss, timpani

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE PSALM Psalm 96

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE EPISTLE Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Flowers for Christmas



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Grace Anne Blake

by her loving family and friends

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by Kirsten and Charles Schutt

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by Elizabeth Rape

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Our children and their spouses and our grandchildren

by Cynthia and Fisher Trigg

The Clergy and Staff of St. Martin's

by Jeanene Trout

Our children and grandchildren

by Cindy and Steffen van Keppel

Our sons and their families

by Edith and Henry "Van" van Wageningen

Sue and Terrell Howes and Kathy and Donald Wall

by Sid, Wendy and Davis Wall

Derry, Richard, Mary Lee, Brady and James Wilkens

by Sandra Pratt Wilkens

The Hedges and Dwyer families

by Mary and Will Williams



Celebration Sunday!

Celebrate December Birthdays and Anniversaries
with Riverway.

SUNDAY, DEC. 29

Parish Life Center Narthex

Following the 11:15 a.m. services

We invite everyone who has had a recent birthday or anniversary to join us in acknowledgement of your special day, and share a dessert or breakfast item with us. Everyone is welcome!

Contact: Amanda DeViney • 713-830-4110 • adeviney@smec.org

YEAR- END GIVING

The Internal Revenue Service requires that, in order to be tax deductible in 2024, cash, check or credit card contributions to St. Martin's Episcopal Church must be received by the Church or postmarked by the United States Postal Service no later than **Tuesday, Dec. 31**; this includes any payment to your 2024 pledge, prepayment of your 2025 pledge and payment of your Building for the Ages pledge.


The Finance staff is required to check the postal cancellation dates on all receipts in early January to ensure our legal compliance to this rule.



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Order of the Daughters of the King



**SATURDAY, JAN. 4 • 10 A.M.
CHILDREN'S LIFE CENTER**

GUEST SPEAKER: POLLY DAWSON

St. Martin's Parishioner Polly Dawson will speak about the importance of prayer. She has been involved in Christian Life Study, Church in the Field and the Global Prayer Group.

Contact: Tracee Tindol • tmartin@smec.org • 713-985-3811

THEOLOGY *for* LIFE

Frequently Asked Questions

Sundays, Jan. 5–Feb. 23
10:15–11 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

Have you ever wondered about some of the things we do here? Have you ever gotten hard questions from non-believing friends or family that you don't quite know how to answer? In this series, we hope to give the best answers we can to your good questions, always grounded in God's holy Word.

Amanda DeViney
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An exciting lineup of exceptional guests and friends of St. Martin's will lead this series.

- JAN. 5** **What is the Anglican Communion?**
Led by Archbishop Josiah Idowu-Fearon, Ph.D.
- JAN. 12** **Why do we baptize babies?**
Led by the Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson, Jr.
- JAN. 19** **How can we believe the Bible is true?**
Led by Dr. Lynn Cohick
- JAN. 26** **Annual Parish Meeting—No Sunday School**
- FEB. 2** **How can we share our faith?**
Led by Cn. Carrie Boren Headington
- FEB. 9** **What do we believe about Communion?**
Led by the Rt. Rev. Mike Hill
- FEB. 16** **What happens when we die?**
Led by the Rt. Rev. Mike Hill
- FEB. 23** **How are we saved?**
Led by the Rev. Dr. David Peterson

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES



Sole Hope

Sunday, Jan. 5 | 10:15 a.m.

Activity Center Gym

Make a global impact by cutting out shoe patterns from old jeans for Sole Hope. These shoe uppers will become size 4 shoes for barefoot Ugandan kids. The shoes will protect the children from painful parasites called jiggers. No special sewing or cobbling skills required.

Contact: Tracee Tindol • outreach@smec.org • 713-985-3811

GUEST PREACHER AND TEACHER

The Rt. Rev.

**JOSIAH
IDOWU-FEARON**



SUNDAY, JAN. 5

9 AND 11:15 A.M. • THE CHURCH

10:15 A.M. • BAGBY PARISH HALL

The Rt. Rev. Josiah Idowu-Fearon is the retired Secretary General of the Anglican Communion and is currently Bishop-in-Residence at St. John the Divine in Houston.

Bishop Idowu-Fearon will preach during the 9 and 11:15 a.m. traditional services, and teach at the new Theology for Life series, "Frequently Asked Questions."



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FEAST OF LIGHTS

ACOLYTE DINNER CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, JAN. 5 • 4 P.M. • BAGBY PARISH HALL

After the event, all acolytes will walk to The Church to prepare for the Feast of Lights service.

Acolytes who serve in Family Table and The Church and their families are invited to attend a dinner in recognition of their contributions to enhancing our worship services. We will celebrate our graduating seniors and spring acolyte promotions.

All who plan to attend the special event are requested to sign up at bit.ly/acolytedinner.

Contact: Florence Ritchie • fritchier@smec.org • 713-985-3843

A Change of Heart



Every woman has at least one thing in common with her mother-in-law: both love the same man. Women are invited to this study group focused on the mother-in-law/daughter-in-law relationship.

Wednesdays | Jan. 8 – Feb. 26
Student Life Center, Upstairs Lounge

Each class is limited to the first 20 who register.

Registration details for both Morning and Afternoon Sessions can be found at bit.ly/smecachangeofheart

Contact: Graham Neuhaus • geneuhaus@aol.com

MEMBERSHIP

If you are visiting today, please fill out a Welcome Card from the pew rack to place in the offering plate or complete it online by scanning the QR code or visiting **bit.ly/smecvisitors**. Please introduce yourself to one of our Clergy and we will be in touch to let you know more about our Parish Family.



Seeking membership in a parish is a very important step and it is our goal to support your understanding of our Parish, its ministries and your place in the life of St. Martin's. Our membership process begins by attending one of our quarterly Membership 101 classes.

Contact: Kathy Johnson • 713-985-3834 • kjohnson@smec.org

ST. MARTIN'S IS HERE FOR YOU

For general questions, contact the Reception Desk at 713-621-3040 during business hours (8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday–Friday).

For pastoral concerns during business hours, contact 713-985-3817 or pastoralcare@smec.org.

For pastoral emergencies after hours and weekends, call 713-621-3040 and follow the prompts to reach the priest on call.

For prayer requests, contact the prayer request line at 713-830-4124 or Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vrivera@smec.org.

For death notifications and funerals, contact Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or censign@smec.org.



Mr. Scott Anderson
Vestry Representative
1 p.m.



Mr. David Leonard
Vestry Representative
3:30 p.m.

OUR STAFF AND VESTRY

SUNDAY PROGRAM STAFF

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Ms. Sherrie Perkins, *Treasurer*
Mr. Logan Walters, *Clerk*
Mr. Tommy Ford, *Past Senior Warden*
Mr. Bob Heston, Jr., *Parish Stewardship Chair*
Mr. Andy Harvin, *Chancellor**

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Mrs. Summer Craig
Mrs. Elizabeth Dukes
Mr. Will Hedges
The Hon. Edith Jones
Mr. David Leonard
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Mr. Milton West

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Mr. David Harvin, *Senior Council Representative 2023-2025*
Mrs. Beth Reeves, *Senior Council Representative 2023-2025*
Ms. Samantha Hutchison, *Altar Guild President 2024-2025*
Mrs. Shelly Newton, *ECW President 2024-2025*
Mr. Perry Ruthven, *Men of St. Martin's President 2023-2025*
Mr. John Sutherland, *Usher Representative 2024-2026*

**Denotes Associate Vestry filled at the discretion of the Rector.*



Ms. Sherrie Perkins
Vestry Representative
6 p.m.



Mr. Roy Nichol
Vestry Representative
8:30 p.m.

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PRAYER FOR THE SEARCH FOR ST. MARTIN'S FIFTH RECTOR

Heavenly Father,

As a community of believers, we come together in prayer seeking Your guidance as St. Martin's Episcopal Church continues the search for our fifth rector. May we be blessed with Your Holy Spirit's wisdom and discernment. We especially ask that You guide the hearts and minds of the Search Committee who will be deeply involved in this choice. Lord Jesus, shepherd Your flock with tender care and love. Give us patience as we wait, trusting in Your gracious provision. Guide us, Oh Lord, as we navigate this season of change, knowing that You are with us every step of the way. Our fervent prayer is that You will be done.

With humble expectations, we pray this prayer in Jesus name, who we joyfully serve and love. Amen.

WE INVITE YOU TO
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